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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TIMING OF NATO CONSULTATIONS ON ERW

REFS: (A) USNATO 2381 (DTG 071909Z MAR 78) NOTAL

(B) USNATO 02415 (DTG 081705Z MAR 78) NOTAL -- -

1. FOR BONN: YOU SHOULD INFORM FRG THAT WE SEE SOME
VALUE IN ACCEPTING DUTCH SUGGESTION F"R NAC CONSULTATIONS
ON ERW MARCH 20 AS WELL AS A SECOND MEETING LATER
THAT WEEK. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, MARCH 20 CONSULTATIONS
SHOULD BE HELD ON A VERY RESTRICTED BASIS WITH NO
RECORD MADE OF THE DISCUSSION. THE PURPOSE OF SUCH
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A MEETING SHOULD BE TO WORK OUT AS COMPREHENSIVELY
AS POSSIBLE THE SCENARIO FOR THE NEXT, AND LAST, NAC
SESSION ON THIS SUBJECT. IT COULD ALSO PROVIDE AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPORTERS TO SPEAK OUT AND PERHAPS
INFLUENCE THE FINAL POSITIONS OF THE OTHERS. WE
RECOGNIZE THAT FRG HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE
RISKS OF DIVISIVE DEBATE AND LEAKS TO THE PRESS IF

MORE THAN ONE ADDITIONAL NAC IS HELD ON ERW. BUT
ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OUTWEIGH
THESE RISKS. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FRG VIEWS ON THIS
POINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM
IN AGREEING TO MARCH 23 VICE MARCH 22 FOR THE SUBSE-
QUENT MEETING IF THIS IS HELPFUL IN THE DUTCH CONTEXT.

2. FOR USNATO. IF EMBASSY BONN CONFIRMS THAT THE FRG
CAN AGREE TO TWO NAC MEETINGS ON ERW IN ACCORDANCE WITH
CONDITIONS OUTLINED ABOVE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO
AGREE.

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